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Attorney General John Ashcroft, The Justice Department
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

There has been much discussion and controversy generated over this Microsoft lawsuit. What I find amazing is that the idea that Microsoft's success has so offended a few of its competitors in the IT community that these competitors actually successfully prevailed upon our government to file this suit to begin with. It is a good thing that this settlement has been reached. Our legal system and our country will be spared the inevitable embarrassment of picking apart one of our country's most successful companies.

I am writing to voice my support for this settlement. Whatever might be thought of Microsoft's attitude, it cannot be said that their products are being forced upon anyone who does not want them. What's more, the settlement ensures that there is no way for Microsoft use its Windows OS to unfairly get an advantage for its programs. It is important for us as a country to refocus our priorities upon more important issues than this.

Let's put an end to this lawsuit by accepting the settlement. Let's move on.

Sincerely,



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